

How to network PLCs using industrial switches



Overview

Avoid unmanaged switches in industrial-grade networks. Use subnets to divide plant areas (e. Control networks behave differently from standard office networks. In a business environment, small delays are often. PLC communication protocols form the backbone of modern automation systems, enabling seamless data exchange between PLCs, HMIs, SCADA systems, enterprise networks, and field devices. Ethernet switch ensure that PLCs can obtain the required data in a timely and accurate manner by supporting. This application note covers network design considerations, traffic management strategies, and scalability factors for connecting 100-150 PLCs (such as Schneider Electric Twido with Ethernet) across multiple buildings via a fiber optic backbone. Connect PLCs directly to existing building switches. Integrated PLC-based motion products use the PLC as the central controller for the motion, and combine two or more functions to simplify installation and save time & money. Start with a detailed understanding of the application: Output: A system architecture requirement document.



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